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“Some different people than usually attend Encore (events) will attend this one,” Brock said. Sarah Melia, one co-chair of the special events committee, said, it is “a good experience for all FHSU students because it broadens their horizons with culture and high class performances they wouldn’t normally get to see in western Kansas.”

“I try really, really hard to involve FHSU students in the Encore Series. Their perception is that they are boring, but when they go they find they enjoy them a lot.”

Brock said that the student co-chairs help with determining what groups will be most appropriate for the college audience. “I like to involve as many students as would like to be,” Brock said, and, “we’ve got some momentum going with student involvement.”

O’Connor has been featured as a solo instrumentalist in movies such as “The Patriot” and, “Gods and Generals.” He has also preformed at such high profile events as the Presidential Inauguration Celebration, the Kennedy Center Honors and the American celebration of the 50th birthday of Israel. Even with such high profile work, O’Connor is no stranger to Kansas, as he has appeared at the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival several times.

The selection for the events of the Encore series begins the year before when Brock receives “hundreds and hundreds of promotional mail from agents that want me to by their acts.” Brock then, with the special events committee, begins the work of selecting events for next year. The process culminates with the selection of “eight presentations that present the widest variety of performing arts that work budget wise,” Brock said.

Mark O’Connor’s website, found at <http://www.markoconnor.com>, offers more information on his group, his biography and sheet music.

The selection of groups for next year’s Encore series has concluded. Next year is the 25th year for the encore series and will be a “most exciting combination,” Brock said.

While some funding for the Encore series comes from the Student Government Association, most is derived from season and individual ticket sales.

These funds allow us to offer students really low prices, Brock said.

Tickets for the show are available in the FHSU Memorial Union at the Student Service Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$18 for the public, \$16 for senior citizens and children under 18 and \$18 for FHSU students. Unreserved seats are \$14, \$12 and \$10 respectively. Tickets may also be charged by phone at 628 5306.

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have influenced the election in his opposition’s favor.

The day before the election started, Cure said he found many of his campaign signs and sidewalk messages stolen or defaced.

Even his opponent, Thomas, thought the defacements were “ridiculous.”

“It makes SGA look bad,” Thomas said, adding that the people that vandalized the materials were, “childish.”

“All (defacing Cure’s signs) does is work against any cause they might have,” Thomas said.

Cure also said his campaign had to deal with an endorsement for Thomas in the *University Leader*, as well as a personal column in the publication that questioned his character. Cure said both problems, “didn’t help the campaign a lot. It sure invigorated some of our supporters, though, to get the word out, but (it) definitely hurt our image to others.”

Cure said the *Leader* comments were, “published precisely at a time when I couldn’t respond before elections. These misleading comments could have been made in any of the issues after the allocations meeting, but it seemed like pure political strategy to publish them when they did.”

He also said he, “really didn’t see something like that coming from the ‘official publication of Fort Hays State University, home of the fighting Tigers.’ So, obviously, I should have had a little more foresight.”

Even with the loss, Cure said it was enjoyable to meet with students and student organizations.

“It seemed like every time we met with a different group, we would get some great feedback,” Cure said. “Sometimes it was ‘this sucks, how are you going to fix it,’ and sometimes it was, ‘this is great, let’s keep doing this.’ Either way, though, it is great to get feedback.”

Off-Campus Students

While the overall campus seemed plagued by a lack of interest in the election, some part-time students who wanted to vote were denied that opportunity, which has led to rumblings of changes in the election rules.

Moving On

Despite the election mishaps, Thomas said he is “ready to move issues forward.” One of the planks of the Thomas campaign, making student fee increases over \$1 subject to student body vote, is already up for second review.

Thomas is working to get his executive staff in place and examine various campus issues of concern throughout the summer.

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Encore Series
finishes season

James Bell
Assistant Editor

Buy tickets now, because there’s only one more chance to see the Encore Series this year.

The final show in the Encore Series this year will be held at 8 p.m., Monday, April 24, in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. The event will feature Mark O’Connor and The Appalachia Waltz Trio.

The trio is O’Connor’s chamber ensemble, formed in 2002 with Natalie Haas, cello, and Carol Cook, violin. The group will perform music from O’Connor’s “Appalachia Waltz” and “Appalachian Journey” projects.

Carol Brock, coordinator of student activities and special events, said the group was highly recommended to her and, with the Encore series budget, someone they were surprised they could get to appear at FHSU.

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Voter Apathy?

After low student turnout, Thomas and Cure reflect on election

James Bell
Assistant Editor

Eleven percent.
537 people.

However it is written, the voter turnout numbers from last week’s Student Government Association election seem to paint a sad picture of student interest in the democratic process at FHSU, according to both the winning and losing presidential candidates.

SGA president-elect, Drew Thomas, said he was surprised at the low voter turnout.

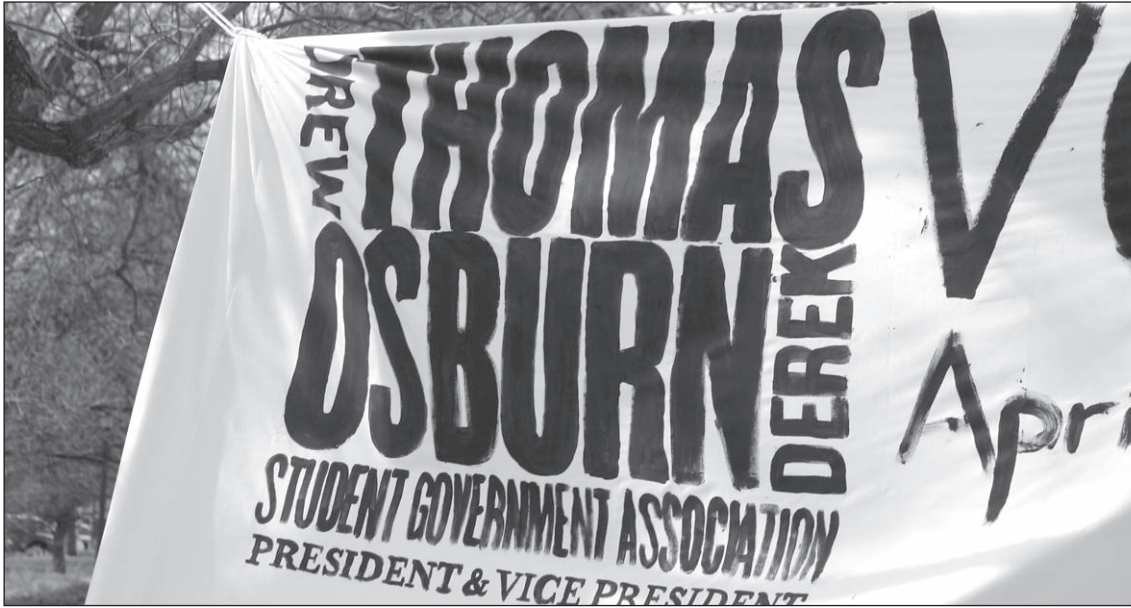
“I can’t really tell why people didn’t get out and vote,” Thomas said.

Doug Cure, who ran against Thomas and lost by a margin of 28 votes, was also miffed at the very low numbers.

“(It was) surprising that the voter turnout was very low this year,” Cure said, adding that about 300 less people voted this year than in last year’s election. “It was unfortunate that the McMendes cafeteria was closed on both days of elections. I think



SGA presidential candidate Doug Cure speaks with a potential voter on election day.



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A banner for SGA president-elect Drew Thomas and vice-president-elect Derek Osburn rustles in the FHSU quad before the elections. Thomas defeated Doug Cure by 28 votes.

this definitely could have hurt the turnout, since everyone was either over at Agnew Hall or outside of McMendes and not walking right past the booth like they usually do each year.”

As well, senate seats in several academic areas will remain unfilled and many senators ran uncontested.

Election Rewind
As the election days of April

12 and 13 moved closer, Cure said his campaign faced two specific problems that he feels may

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KFHS-TV launches channel

KFHS-TV, the campus news station, will be holding a press conference at 4:40 p.m. today in Heather Hall to officially launch their new, exclusive cable TV channel 67.

This is a big step for the campus media organization and we'd like to take a moment to congratulate them. Having their own channel can be nothing but a boon to FHSU students.

Over the years, KFHS has proven to be an integral news entity on campus. With this new channel, we, as FHSU students, hope to see more expansive news coverage and more programing choices in general.

However, this can only happen with faculty and student support. We encourage you to check out their new channel and if you can, get involved by volunteering to work at the station.

By working at KFHS, students gain valuable skills that can easily transfer into the post-college world. KFHS provides an avenue to get more involved on campus and add to your resume. It could be both enjoyable and educational at the same time.

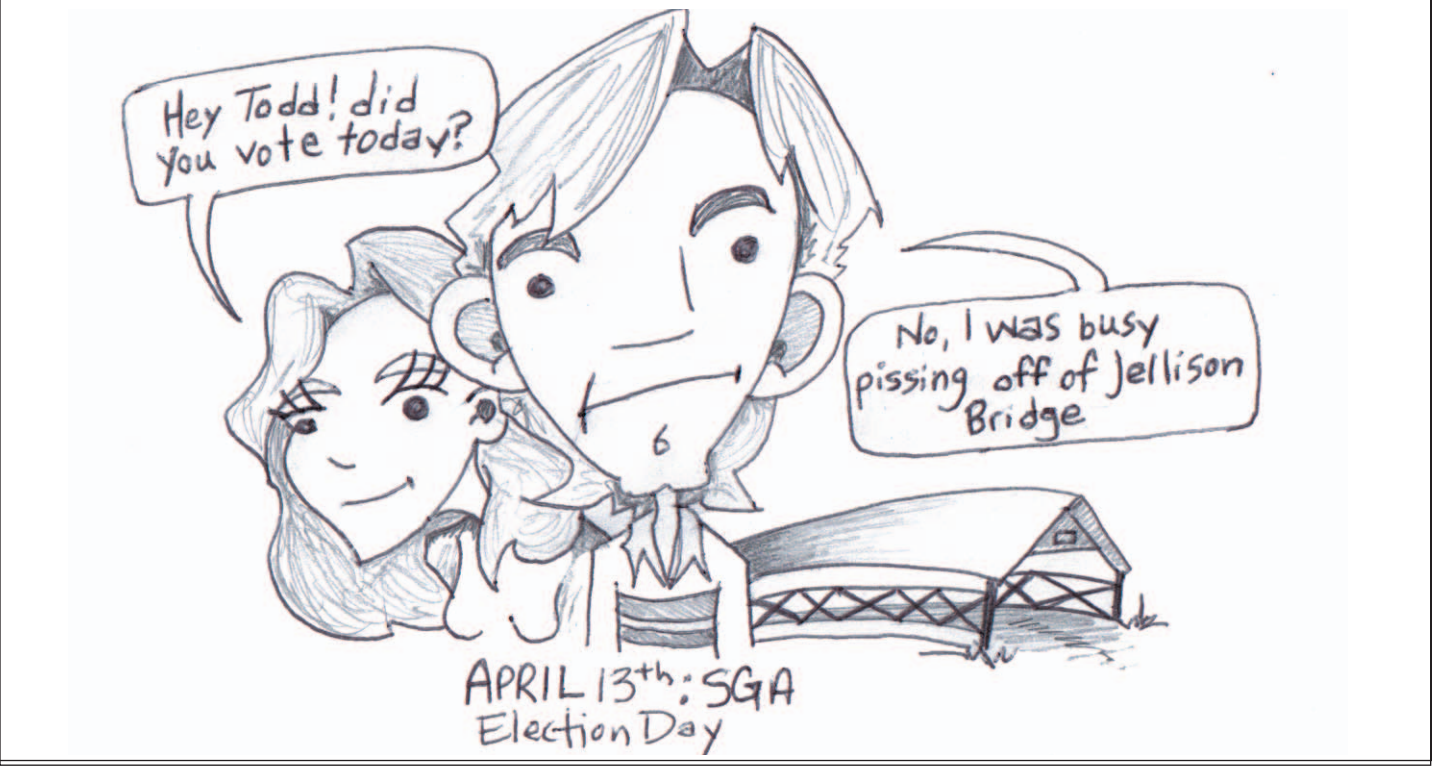
KFHS has a long history at FHSU and its continued growth only benefits the university and the community. Through media coverage and college-aimed programming found no where else on the dial, they also provide a unique perspective on the FHSU experience. For those without cable, KFHS programming can be found online at <http://www.fhsu.edu/int/kfhstv/>.

We wish you the best, KFHS!

-The Editorial Board

Unfurled Wit

By Damien Leeson




▼ The Gripe

Students should utilize FHSU blogs

One of the great disadvantages of going to school here at FHSU is our distance from anything else of interest outside of our small little town. Things that would be nice would include more live music, more retail outlets and at least one more upscale bar, but I can learn to live without such things as long as my window to the world, the internet, is fully functional.

The internet is the greatest tool for information ever created, but FHSU students and faculty seem to neglect one of the most up and coming methods of idea transference, the FHSU blogs.

There are several blogs and forums available for open use by FHSU folks, but unfortunately posts are few and far between. I suspect this is due to



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the overall air of apathy in the typical college student life. Of course, college students are very busy as well, but the opportunity to have your voice heard, potentially globally, is one that should not be so lightly brushed aside.

I checked the Student Government Association blog and there has been no activity in 10 days. Blogcat is faring

slightly better - there was a post a couple day ago. I will not even mention the FHSU blogs that have come and gone.

I will list for you the web sites of the two FHSU blogs. I encourage your participation. The web address for blogcat is <http://www.fhsu.edu/blogcat>. There are some cool discussions going on there when people participate. FHSU also hosts the SGA forum at <http://www.fhsu.edu/sga/forums>, where anyone can contribute to the open debate on such hot topics as allocations and SGA elections.

Taking an interest in FHSU affairs can only help you, the school and the community in general and it is not that hard. It is kind of like facebook only with words instead of pictures. Easy.

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The Edge wins awards at state journalism contest

The Edge Staff

The Edge won several awards at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press annual convention held Sunday, April 9 and Monday, April 10 in Wichita. *The Edge* staff won an honorable mention for their overall publication, as well as 12 individual awards.

"We have a very small staff of dedicated volunteers and our resources are extremely limited," said Zach Becker, editor-in-chief of *The Edge*. "However, our strong showing at contest just goes to show that, with a lot of hard work, you can put out a quality student publication even on the smallest of budgets."

As part of the four-year public school newspaper division, *The Edge's* competition consisted of fully-funded, official university publications from around the state. With a staff sometimes as small as six people – by comparison, the Pittsburg State *Collegio* newspaper has a staff of over 25 people – Becker said this obviously put his publication at a major disadvantage, but is also part of the enjoyment.

"It's fun to go up against the best papers in Kansas, to see how we stack up," Becker said. "It's also a great opportunity to see what they are doing and exchange ideas."

Becker, James Bell, assistant editor, and Jennifer Copp, business/advertising manager, attended the convention.

"Yeah, going to Wichita for the convention was a blast," Copp said. "It was a very rewarding experience to see our staff win recognition for all the work we've put in."

"It was a great opportunity to have our work reviewed, critiqued and honored by people that know journalism," Bell said. "It was worth the trip for no other reason than to be surrounded by so many quality collegiate journalists."

Becker and *The Edge* adviser, Jennifer Schartz,

as well as Jeremy Clawson, also chaired a forum at the convention that discussed First Amendment issues.

Becker and Clawson previously served as student editors for Barton County Community College's student newspaper, the *Interrobang*, and worked to uncover details about a sensitive internal investigation into academic dishonesty involving the athletic department at Barton. The aftermath has included federal indictments of several coaches, as well as the athletic director and the firing of the college's president. At the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the college's board of trustees decided not to renew Schartz's contract, who was, at the time, faculty adviser to the *Interrobang*. She felt this was an attempt to censor sensitive content from the publication. She has a lawsuit pending. After the forum presentation, KACP president, Stacy Sparks, presented all three with framed First Amendment Awards.

The Edge staff members winning individual awards included James Bell, who won honorable mention for news writing, and Damien Leeson, who received second and third place for single ad design; as well as third place for cartoons. Zach Becker took home several awards including, second place for column writing, second and third place for editorial writing, second place and honorable mention for infographics, second place for interior page design, honorable mention for illustration and honorable mention for headline writing. For the overall newspaper entry, each publication entered a set of three consecutive issues for judging, which were rated on a point system. For individual entries, each publication could enter a total of five items from each category.

The KACP website, which should list contest results soon, can be found at www.kacponline.org.

▼ Leadership Studies

Tigerville project encourages unity

Robert Cummins
Staff Writer

Leadership 310 students began work earlier this semester on the Tigerville project, which is an initiative to create excitement about FHSU and bring the university and community together.

"We've been to Aggieville in Manhattan, and when you're there, you know you're at K-State," said Jay Allison, one of the students working on the project. Allison said the goal of the project was to create a similar feeling in Hays. Allison said two local businesses, Neighbors and Chuck's had agreed to assist in creating Tigerville.

Chuck's provided space on one of their entry walls that would display a FHSU themed image that was designed by their group, Allison said, and they had enlisted the help of some graphic design students on campus to design the image. Before the image could be put up, it would require final approval from university relations, Allison said.

Herman said the first part of project Tigerville was fundraising. The group had worked to create a

cookbook titled 'Taste of Tigerville.' Herman said the book sold for \$10 in Hays and \$12 if it required shipping to an area outside of Hays. Proceeds from sale of the cookbook were placed in a fund for future use in future Tigerville projects, as well as continue selling the cookbooks. "The cookbooks are selling out fast!" said Herman.

Allison said that the semester is nearly over, but their goal is to get the photos in Neighbors up by the end of the semester. Allison said that future areas with potential for Tigerville are downtown in the Chestnut Street District. "We hope that people out in the community will take this on as well," Allison said.

Allison said that while the contest was scheduled to end last week, they are still accepting entries for the photo contest. Photos should be submitted via email to Tigerville310@hotmail.com or stop by Picken Hall room 200.

Students involved with the Tigerville project included Allison, Cade McDonald, Seth Harman, Rachel Herman and Ashlee Gustin.

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INT capstone project shows student knowledge

Robert Cummins
Staff Writer

Before they can graduate, every student enrolled in the department of information networking and telecommunications is required to complete the capstone seminar. This is a class that largely revolves around a large senior project designed to challenge students into applying all the knowledge they had gained up to that time in the information technology field.

“The purpose of the capstone projects is to allow the INT students to show what they have learned during their bachelor studies,” said Mark Bannister, chair of the department of information networking and telecommunications.

During the course of the class, students are allowed to get together and choose projects that ideally will test their knowledge and ability as information technology professionals.

Bannister said that these projects will let the students challenge each other and develop a project as a group. Bannister said that the projects have also been very effective in demonstrating leadership abilities and for the purpose of team building.

Students are provided with the bulk of the semester to work on the project, beginning as early as January. After forming groups and choosing a project, the groups submit a formal proposal of their projects to Bannister. They then have the remainder of the semester to complete the project.

Students are also required to submit a formal project summary upon completion of the project.

Bannister said that in the past the projects have varied with students working on projects for companies such as Nex-Tech, IBM, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Bannister said that this year there will be five groups enrolled in the on-site capstone seminar and will present their projects and results at the capstone convocation, scheduled for Friday, May 12.

Bannister said that one group this year was working with United Telephone in relocating their data center in Dodge City, KS. The project involved taking all the equipment down, relocating the equipment, upgrades, documentation and reassembly.

This year a group was able to work under the supervision of IBM employee, Michael Sisto, to explore wireless telecommunications options in a university environment, Bannister said. Sisto has a history of providing projects for capstone students. Bannister said that last year Sisto assisted another group in the creation of a professional multimedia presentation for the viability of next generation wireless technologies.

Bannister said that another function of the capstone projects is to serve and assist the community. Bannister said another group was using this opportunity to help the Head Start program, a regional program for assigning needy rural kids. Bannister said the group was involved with web design for Head Start, creating public service

announcements, and designing brochures and other literature for the organization. Bannister said that in past years, students had chosen to use their Capstone projects to assist Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Inc., the Ellis school system, and Celebration Community Church.

These and other projects will be completed by the end of the semester and students will be able to show them off to family and friends during the capstone convocation. Bannister said that this night will allow students to show industry leaders, faculty and their family and friends what they’ve learned and what they are capable of. “It also sometimes surprises students of what they are capable of when they are challenged,” said Bannister.

After graduation, these projects make great additions to student’s portfolios, Bannister said. One example was Ross Montgomery, a FHSU graduate who accepted a position in Denver at Mares Productions doing video production, Bannister said. Montgomery had used his capstone project as part of his portfolio. Bannister also said that in the past many representatives from the industry had been impressed with the quality of the capstone projects. Such representatives include people from Apple, IBM AT&T Corp., Nex-Tech, Honeywell as well as others.

Bannister said that the capstone projects are also a benefit to the entire department and the university as a whole. “When companies see the quality students are capable of, it enhances the reputation of students and the faculty as well,” Bannister said.



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